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Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to promoting housing choices (House, No. 3507), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, February 27.

Housing
choices.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hecht of Watertown) congratulating the Watertown Free Public Library on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary;

Watertown
Library.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muradian of Grafton) congratulating Stephen Charest on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Grafton; and

Stephen
Charest.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) congratulating Steven P. Hennigan on his years of distinguished service to the Massachusetts State Police;

Steven
Hennigan.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication from Representatives Khan of Newton and Miranda of Boston.

A communication from Representatives Khan of Newton and Miranda of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

February 26, 2019

The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145

Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

We write to indicate our intention to continue the Legislative Mental Health Caucus and serve as its co-chairs for the 191st session. Founded in 1999, the Caucus is a group of legislators dedicated to improving the delivery of care and treatment available to Commonwealth residents experiencing mental health issues. The mission of the Caucus is to promote policies that support people living with mental health conditions and educate our colleagues about the urgency of addressing issues such as mental health parity, co-occurring health disorders, and disparities in mental health care for marginalized populations. In addition, the Caucus works with the Department of Mental Health and other entities in advocating for resources and policies that will improve access to mental health services in the Commonwealth.

Mental Health
Legislative
Caucus.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter, and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
KAY KHAN
State Representative
11th Middlesex District

LIZ MIRANDA
State Representative
5th Suffolk District

Petitions.

Mr. Robertson of Tewksbury presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph Klimkofski, Jr., an employee of Department of Public Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Joseph
Klimkofski,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Williams of Springfield presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patty Woods, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Patty
Woods,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Capano of Lynn and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Capano, Brendan P. Crighton and Mindy Domb

Sophia
Velez,—
sick leave.

for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sophia R. Velez, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanycha Bonilla, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Tanycha
Bonilla,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pierre Richard Nortelus, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 23), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Pierre
Richard
Nortelus,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.